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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA-ERITREA: FUTURE OF UN PRESENCE, POSSIBLE
TARGETED SANCTIONS ON ERITREA

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.
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11. (C) PolOff on March 4 delivered to MFA reftel points on the future of the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) and the possibility of targeted sanctions on Eritrea. MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department UN Division Deputy Director Yao Shaojun said China regards a continued UN presence in Eritrea and Ethiopia as "vitally important." China agrees it is important that Eritrea cooperate with the UN mission, but China does not support sanctions and doubts sanctions would be effective. The best way to enlist Eritrea's cooperation, Yao said, is for the international community to engage intensively with Eritrea and convince Eritrean leaders that a continued UN presence is in Eritrea's interest. Yao said that China would be open to new ideas about restructuring the UN mission.
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